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Serial Burglar Sentenced to 126 Months For Burglaries In Northwest, D.C.

Washington, D.C. – Serial burglar Willie Carter was sentenced by Judge Ann Keary in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia to 10 and ½ years incarceration on June 16, 2010, in connection with five residential burglaries he committed in the Dupont Circle and Connecticut Avenue corridor, U.S. Attorney Ronald C. Machen Jr. announced today. On April 1, 2010, Carter pled guilty to three counts of Second Degree Burglary and two counts of Attempted Second Degree Burglary for offenses that he committed from May through November, 2009.

Carter committed the burglaries by entering homes between the hours of 7:45 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., when victims could easily have been home. He gained entry through windows; in several instances the windows were unlocked and the defendant simply cut window screens before entering. Once inside, Carter stole anything he could find, including electronic items, jewelry, and in some cases irreplaceable items of sentimental value. Carter was ultimately caught on November 6, 2009, when a concerned citizen called the police after noticing Carter lurking near a neighbor's window in an apartment house. Police arrested the defendant as he walked out the front door of the apartment building, carrying items that had been stolen from the neighbor's home.

In announcing the sentence, U.S. Attorney Machen praised the investigative work of Metropolitan Police Department Detectives Edwina Williams and John Paprcka, Investigator Bryan Adams, and Officers Matthew Copsey, Jose Maneechai, William McGovern, and Dwayne Roberts, along with the entire staff of the Metropolitan Police Department's Latent Fingerprint Section. U.S. Attorney Machen further commends the staff of the U.S. Attorney's Office, including Paralegal Kalisha Johnson-Clark and Tamaya Reid, as well as Assistant U.S. Attorney Emily C. Scruggs, who prosecuted the case.